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the Khasi Hills and in Martaban. The leaves of this species are used as an auxiliary in dyeing with *Morinda tinctoria* and lac. The wood is white and soft and is used for fuel and for rough house posts." (*Watt, Dictionary of the Economic Products of India.*)

39139. *TALAUMA HODGSONI* Hook. f. and Thoms. Magnoliaceæ.

"One of the 15 species of Magnoliaceæ which are distributed throughout the Tropics of eastern Asia, Japan, and South America. This species is a native of India and may be found in the forests of the Sikkim Himalayas and the Khasi Hills at elevations ranging from 4,000 to 5,000 feet. The wood is very soft and even grained, and weighs about 21 pounds per cubic foot." (*Watt, Dictionary of the Economic Products of India.*)

39140. *TRACHYCARPUS MARTIANA* (Wall.) Wendl. Phœnicaceæ. **Palm.**

See S. P. I. No. 38739 for previous introduction.

39141. *VACCINIUM GLAUCO-ALBUM* Hook. f. Vacciniaceæ.

Distribution.—A shrub with large white persistent bracts under the pinkish flowers which are borne in dense racemes, found on the slopes of the Himalayas at an altitude of 7,500 to 10,000 feet, from Sikkim to Bhutan, in northern India.

"An evergreen shrub, 2 to 4 feet high; young stems smooth. Leaves stiff and hard in texture, oval or ovate, $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, five-eighths to $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide; pointed, with bristlelike teeth on the margins, green and smooth above, of a vivid blue-white and slightly bristly on the midrib beneath. Racemes slightly downy, 2 to 3 inches long, produced from the leaf axils and conspicuous for their large, persistent, blue-white bracts, edged with bristles. Corolla pinkish white, one-fourth inch long, cylindrical; calyx smooth, shallowly lobed. Berries one-third inch in diameter, globose, black, covered with blue-white bloom.

"Native of the Himalayas at 9,000 to 10,000 feet altitude, only hardy in the milder parts of the kingdom. It is remarkable for the vivid blue-white bloom on the fruit, bracts, and under surface of the leaves." (*W. J. Bean, Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles, vol. 2, p. 626.*)

39142. *COUMAROUNA ODORATA* Aublet. Fabaceæ. **Tonka bean.**
(*Dipteryx odorata* Willd.)

From La Guayra, Venezuela. Presented by Mr. Thomas W. Voetter, American consul, who received them from the consular agent at Ciudad Bolivar. Received August 5, 1914.

For previous introduction and description, see S. P. I. No. 35904.

39143. *VIGNA SINENSIS* (Torner) Savi. Fabaceæ. **Cowpea.**

From Johannesburg, Transvaal, Union of South Africa. Presented by Mr. J. Burt Davy. Received July 30, 1914.

"Known as *imboomba* among the Zulus and grown by them for food. It is said to be a rank grower and prolific bearer; the 49 seeds were taken from 3 pods. It is grown down the coast as far as Pondoland, and should prove useful in Florida and elsewhere in the Gulf States." (*Davy.*)